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CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

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Saturday, February 19, 1870.

SENATE.

The Vice President submitted resolutions of Virginia Legislature, asking Congress for a general removal of political disabilities from all persons in that State. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Pomeroy presented a memorial, numerously signed by citizens of Washington, asking the suspension of the sale of intoxicating liquors in this city. Mr. Seward sent the hope that the Committee on the District would make a report on this subject.

Mr. Howe, from the Committee on the Library, submitted a joint resolution authorizing the expenditure of private funds of Thomas Jefferson to Mr. Randolph, his executor. Passed.

House resolution appropriating \$3,000 to pay expenses of witness in investigating rights of freedmen. Passed.

Mr. Conklin presented memorial of citizens of New York, remonstrating against any further continuation of the income tax.

Referred to Finance Committee.

Mr. Morris, of Me., introduced a bill in reference to the appropriation of funds.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

On motion of Mr. Thurman, the President was requested to inform the Senate whether, in violation of the treaty with the Cherokee Indians, any portion of their lands had been undertaken to collect taxes on manufactures in the Indian Territory. Passed.

Mr. Pratt, from Committee on the District of Columbia, reported a substitute for the bill, giving the powers and regulating the fees of the coroner of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Ramsey called up the House bill to establish certain post routes, which was passed.

Mr. Marshall, of Vt., called up House Joint resolution to regulate the hours of labor of Government operators, workmen, and mechanics.

Mr. Spencer had sent his bill to committee.

It had been sent to the Governor of Nebraska by the effect that the Legislators of Nebraska had ratified the fifteenth amendment.

Believing that parliamentary courtesy should be allowed of the Nebraska Senators to communicate this intelligence, he desired to ask his colleagues whether he knew anything of this.

Mr. Thayer said he had received a telegram from the Governor announcing the election of Mr. Lincoln as President.

He believed that the Representatives of Nebraska should be the medium of communicating the intelligence, but in his temporary absence, he was unable to do so.

Mr. Abbott called up his bill to pay Major J. W. Nichols, paymaster, U. S. A., \$4,500; which was discussed and passed.

Mr. Tipton referred to yesterday's pro-suffrage, who had a right to the franchise given by the Attorney General, the law officer of the Government. Mr. B. then replied to the arguments of Mr. Morris, concluding that the amendment should be adopted, in the interest of the suffragists.

Mr. B. desired such further legislation as was necessary to secure to the workingmen the essential benefits of the law making.

Mr. Abbott's bill was voted down.

Mr. Williams then called up the bill granting lands to aid in the construction of a rail road and telegraph line from Portland to Astoria and McMinnville, in the State of Oregon.

Mr. Thurman opposed the policy of making any more land grants to railroads.

It was now proposed to give this little rail road an amount of land greater than the amount given to the New England railroads.

Mr. Abbott's bill was voted down, if they can take the richest lands in Oregon. Mr. T. further continued, in an able argument, against further land subsidies by the Government.

Mr. Abbott's bill was voted down.

Almanor vs. Hughes. In this case the jury had, on the trial below, been sworn to try a case against joint parties, but before the trial was given over to the joint parties was withdrawn, and the jury was then re-sworn, upon verdict an appeal was taken on the ground that the jury having been sworn to try a case against two, and the case being against one, the verdict was defective.

The case was certified up by Judge Carter.

The court held that the verdict should stand, but the exception was taken to the jury being against one.

Adjudged.

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